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BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. SUMMARY/COMMENT. CPSU CC
POLITBURO STATEMENT PUBLISHED IN SOVIET PRESS AUGUST
27 PROVIDES LATEST, MOST AUTHORITATIVE CONFIRMATION
OF KREMLIN CONCERN OVER "COMPLICATED" INTERNATIONAL
SITUATION. BASIC PROBLEMS, ACCORDING TO POLITBURO,
ARE NATO'S INTENSIFICATION OF THE ARMS RACE, U.S.

AND OTHER COUNTRIES' INTERFERENCE IN SOVIET
INTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND ACTIONS OF PRC LEADERS,
INCLUDING THEIR PRESSURE ON VIETNAM AND THEIR
STRIVING TO "GAIN ACCESS TO NATO MILITARY ARSENALS."
STATEMENT IS PEGGED TO CRIMEAN MEETINGS BUT AMOUNTS
TO WRAP-UP OF SUMMER-LONG SERIES OF HIGH-
LEVEL SOVIET STATEMENTS (JUNE 17 PRAVDA ARTICLE,
BREZHNEV SPEECH AT MINSK, ANDROPOV SPEECH, CRIMEAN
COMMUNIQUE, ETC.). IT DISINGENUOUSLY ATTEMPTS
TO AFFILIATE ALL EE LEADERSHIPS, INCLUDING ROMANIAN,
WITH SOVIET POSITIONS ON U.S. AND CHINA. IN
DEPICTING THE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT IN DARK
COLORS, POLITBURO STATEMENT CONTRASTS MARKEDLY
WITH ITS COUNTERPART ISSUED AFTER 1977 CRIMEAN
MEETINGS. AT SAME TIME STATEMENT DOES NOT CRITICIZE
ADMINISTRATION ON ARMS CONTROL QUESTIONS, ON TRYING
TO PLAY CHINA CARD, OR ON MIDDLE EAST OR AFRICA,
WHICH WERE FEATURES OF JUNE 17 PRAVDA ARTICLE.
RATHER, IT CONVEYS KREMLIN'S HOPE THAT WORK WHICH
HAS GONE INTO SALT AND MBFR WILL NOT BE LOST BUT
WILL BE "CROWNED WITH WEIGHTY RESULTS." DESPITE
VERY STRONG LANGUAGE ON PRC, STATEMENT REAFFIRMS
CONTINUING SOVIET COMMITMENT TO DETENTE PROCESS.
BREZHNEV HIMSELF RECEIVES STANDARD TREATMENT FOR
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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. CENTRAL PRESS AUGUST 27
FRONT-PAGES CPSU CC POLITBURO STATEMENT REPORTING
THAT POLITBURO FULLY APPROVES THE WORK OF BREZHNEV
DURING HIS JULY-AUGUST CRIMEAN MEETINGS WITH LEADERS
OF WARSAW PACT EAST EUROPE AND MONGOLIA. AFTER
REVIEWING LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN "PRESENT INTERNATIONAL
SITUATION WHICH HAS BECOME COMPLICATED," STATEMENT
DECLARES THAT "IT IS URGENTLY ESSENTIAL TO OPPOSE
WITH ALL RESOLUTENESS ANY STEPS" UNDERMINING DETENTE
AND REVIVING THE COLD WAR. STATEMENT CONCLUDES THAT
POLITBURO HAS TAKEN A SERIES OF DECISIONS (NOT
DESCRIBED) TO FURTHER THE AGREEMENTS REACHED DURING
THE CRIMEAN MEETINGS.

2. MAIN POINTS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE INCLUDE:

-- "TRUE AIMS OF THE ORGANIZERS" OF THE WEST'S
CAMPAIGN ALLEGING EXISTENCE OF A "MILITARY THREAT"
FROM "SOCIALIST STATES" HAVE BEEN EXPOSED BY NATO'S
WASHINGTON SESSION INTENSIFYING THE ARMS RACE AS
WELL AS U.S. CONGRESS' RECORD MILITARY BUDGET. A

"PROPAGANDA SCREEN AS A COVER" FOR THE IMPERIALISTS'
POLICY IS BEING CREATED, THOUGH NO ONE IS DECEIVED.

-- "SYSTEMATIC ATTEMPTS" OF U.S. AND SOME OTHER NATO
COUNTRIES TO INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF
"SOCIALIST STATES" VIOLATE HELSINKI NORMS AND
ARE A NEGATIVE INFLUENCE. "HUMAN RIGHTS" CAMPAIGN
IS A COVER FOR THESE ATTEMPTS.

-- THE POLITBURO "STRESSES THE SERIOUS DANGER"
WHICH ACTIONS OF CURRENT CHINESE LEADERS REPRESENT
FOR "PEACE AND SOCIALISM." PEKING RESORTS TO

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ANY MEANS TO FURTHER ITS HEGEMONISTIC POLICY, TO
UNDERMINE THE "POSITION OF THE SOCIALIST COMMONWEALTH"
AND REVOLUTIONARY-LIBERATION FORCES. STRIVING TO
"GAIN ACCESS TO NATO MILITARY ARSENALS," PRC WHIPS
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UP HOSTILITY TO USSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES,
CALLS FOR UNLIMITED ARMS RACE, AND IS RECEIVING
"SUPPORT FROM MOST REACTIONARY CIRCLES" AMONG
IMPERIALISTS, WHICH MAKES ITS SO MUCH MORE DANGEROUS.
PRESSURE ON VIETNAM, INSTIGATION OF KAMPUCHEA
PROVOCATIONS AGAINST VIETNAM, AND TERRITORIAL
CLAIMS AGAINST ITS NEIGHBORS CONFIRM PRC'S EXPAN-
SIONIST POLICY.

3. POLITBURO STATEMENT CONCLUDES BY ASSERTING:

-- POLITBURO CONFIRMS USSR'S INDESTRUCTIBLE
SOLIDARITY WITH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE.

-- POLITBURO DECLARES THAT USSR INTENDS, ALONG WITH
FRIENDS AND ALLIES, TO WORK FOR DEEPENING DETENTE
(ELSEWHERE DESCRIBED AS "LEADING TENDENCY OF INTER-
NATIONAL LIFE"), EXPANDING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION,
AND ENDING ARMS RACE.

-- "IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WORK DONE" ON ARMS CONTROL
NEGOTIATIONS TO DATE NOT BE NULLIFIED BUT BE CROWNED
WITH SUCCESS, ESPECIALLY U.S.-SOVIET STRATEGIC
ARMS TALKS AND MBFR.

-- POLITBURO CONSIDERS IT "URGENTLY ESSENTIAL" TO
OPPOSE ANTI-DETENTE MOVES WHICH COULD RETURN WORLD
TO "COLD WAR."

-- POLITBURO EXPRESSES SATISFACTION THAT
THE CRIMEAN MEETINGS CONFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF
FURTHER DEVELOPING SOCIALIST COUNTRIES' COOPERATION
ON THE "FIRM BASIS OF MARXISM-LENINISM AND SOCIALIST
INTERNATIONALISM," WITH THE COORDINATION OF THEIR
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